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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.:	10/670,549	§	Examiner:	Wasel, Mohamed A.
Filed:	September 25, 2003	§	Group/Art Unit:	2154
Inventor:		§	Atty. Dkt. No:	5681-69800
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Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM	§		
	FOR PRESENCE STATE	§		
	ASSIGNMENT BASED	§		
	ON SCHEDULE	§		
	INFORMATION IN AN	§		
	INSTANT MESSAGING	§		
	SYSTEM	§		

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of June 26, 2009, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. This paper is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the case as listed below.